

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Monday May 13, 2013
Town Hall, Old Town Road
6:30 p.m.

Present: Paul Deane, Lisa Sprague, Becky Ballard, Ruth Perfido, Sara McGinnes

Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, Arkley King

Not Present: George Mellor, Bill McKernan, Betsey Theve

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Public Input- Mr. King expressed interest in what the Deer Task Force was doing.

2. Approval of minutes from the April 8, 2013 and May 3, 2013 meetings.

Minutes were approved in a motion by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Becky Ballard.

Ayes 5 (Deane, Sprague, Ballard, Perfido, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Mellor, McKernan)

New Business

- Discussion and action on proposed RI Hunting regulations

A motion was made by Lisa Sprague and seconded by Ruth Perfido to recommend that the Town Council accepted the proposed RI Hunting Regulations for the 2013-2014 season as submitted.

Ayes 5 (Deane, Sprague, Ballard, Perfido, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Mellor, McKernan)

- Notification to B. Ryan re: meeting attendance

Clerk will be notified if members cannot make the meeting.

- Request to move June 10th meeting

Next meeting of the DTF will be June 13, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

- Report re: upcoming May 14th meeting between DEM and DTF.

Becky Ballard will attend as the DTF liaison with Ruth Perfido. Mention was made that the focus on the discussion should be the health issue. They will also ask to have some meetings scheduled here on Block Island. Public safety will be stressed.

- Dissemination of information to DTF members and Town Council members

Questions from the Town Council will come to DTF by the whole body of the council; if DTF needs to send something to the Council it will be voted on and discussed at a meeting.

- Discussion and action re: appointment of DTF representative to Block Island Times

It was suggested that lyme prevention articles should be in the free paper. George Mellor will write a column for the Block Island Times and Bill McKernan will fact check it.

Sara McGinnes has given the Block Island Times the Jamestown article.

- Discussion and act re: establishment of committee to meet with conservancy groups. This is to open up more conservancy lands for hunting. Ruth Perfido, Paul Deane and Lisa Sprague will set up meetings with BIC, Nature Conservancy and Land Trust. The proposal that was given to these groups 2 years ago will be revisited.
- Discuss and act on Concerned Citizens Group
Becky Ballard reported that there were 33 people on the email list so far.

Ongoing Business

- Discussion and action re: results of May 7 town Council Financial Meeting.
There was a discussion re: \$12,500 allocation in Town's budget for deer issues.
- Discussion and action re: postponement of selection of additional government liaisons
This item was tabled with suggestion from Sara McGinnes to contact Senator Reed's office. Ruth Perfido will do that.
- Website Discussion and action
Sara McGinnes will be in charge of the town's website page. She is talking to Michele about it.
- Fundraising report – Nothing at this time.

Next meeting June 13, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Lisa Sprague to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 6/13/2013

Bonny Ryan